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## TOWN OF ELLINGTON

## **Human Services Commission**

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## HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION Monday, June 9, 2014 Minutes of the Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Sue Stack, Chairman at 6:02 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Yale Cantor, Sue Stack, Helen Filloramo, Teresa Cavanagh, Sue Hannigan, Richard Petrucci, Hocine Baouche..

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motioned (Y. Cantor), Seconded (H. Filloramo) and passed by those present to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2014 meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Under renters rebate – The Sunset Law was appealed. Individuals who were not eligible last year can reapply this year. Human Services is in the process of gathering year-end stats for programs. Youth Services received the "Side-by-Side" grant again for \$10,000. This grant will pair youth and state troopers together for positive activities. It is expected that by August Youth Services will receive word on two larger grants. At a recent Developing Positive Youth Culture meeting a \$1,000 grant was given to a high school student for her Teens Against Distracted Driving Program.

Arbor Commons Building Expansion Update: The outside area has been completed and the ceiling has been painted. Carpet and flooring is to be installed this week and the staff is expected to be able to return in 2 weeks. In July Human Services will purchase furniture for the new spaces. A store representative will be coming next week to measure the spaces and provide a quote on the furniture.

There is a senior-level intern assisting in Human Services until December.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The Permanent Building committee is releasing \$3,000 for the purchase of equipment (e.g. pots, pans, utensils) for the Senior Center kitchen. The Senior Endowment Committee is going to help with the cost of equipment. A request has been submitted to the North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA) for additional funds to stock the pantry. There are currently 9 volunteers to help with the kitchen. Three of them will be certified.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Human Services Commission would like to formally recognize Anne Nickerson for her services to the Commission through the years. Sue Stack read a letter from the town that thanked her for the time and effort she put in to volunteering on the Commission.

Several concerns were raised about the parking lot at the Senior Center. There is a long fence in the parking lot that prevents people from having direct access from the parking lot to the front door entrance. Also, the location of the handicap parking spaces is a considerable distance from the front door. It was suggested that all of the spots directly in front of the building be utilized for handicap spaces.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motioned (H. Baouche), Seconded (R. Petrucci) and passed by all those present to adjourn at 7:02 P.M.

Submitted by,

Teresa Cavanagh Secretary